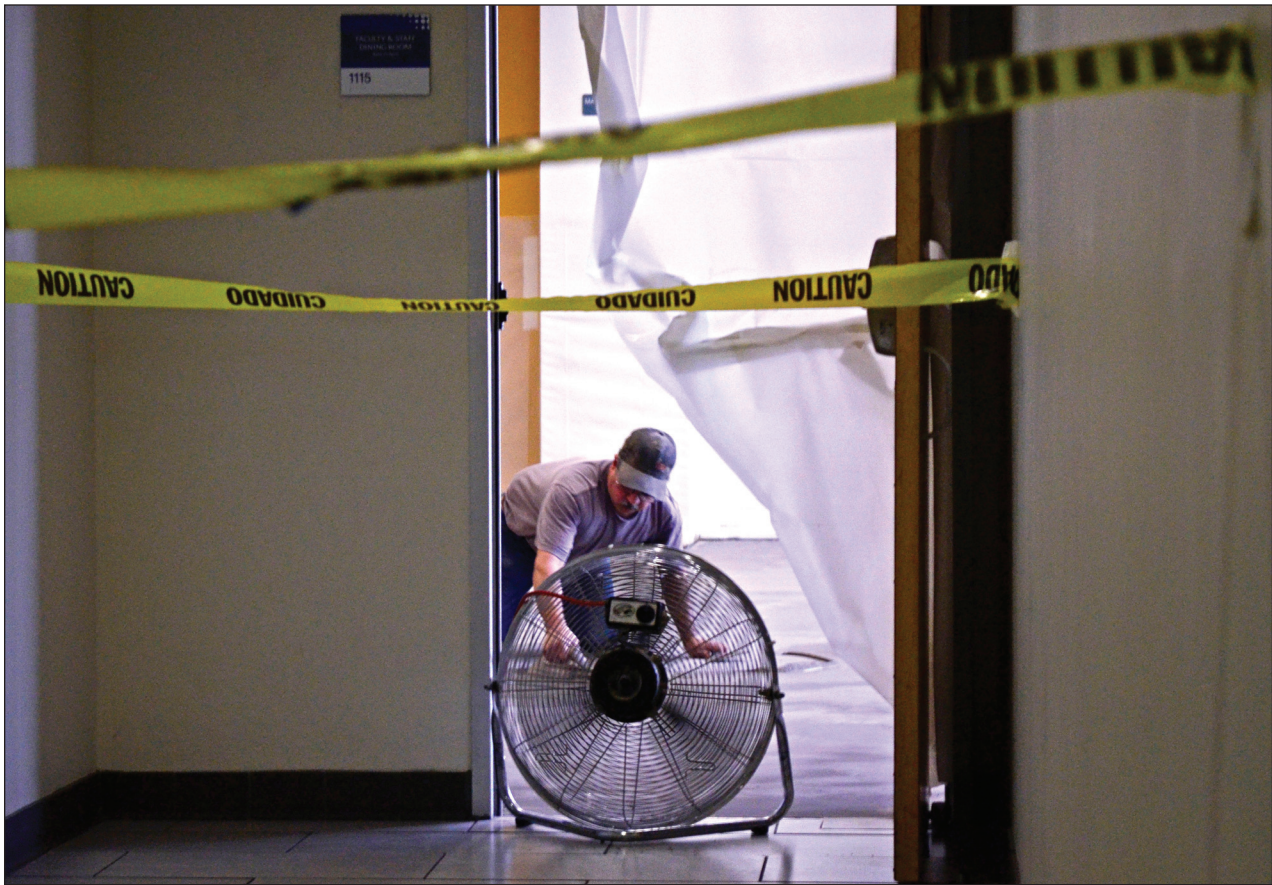


Food pantry nears end of construction



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A construction worker scrapes concrete on the ground of the planned site for the permanent Spartan Food Pantry.

By Mauricio La Plante
STAFF WRITER

A few notices and yellow caution tape covered the hallway leading to the faculty and staff dining room in the San Jose State Student Union. The signs on the door stated the “location is changing to the Spartan Food Pantry” and the “dining room is closed.” The construction of a

1,000-square-foot fully staffed and serviced food pantry is almost at the end of a long list of inspections, according to Charlie Faas, SJSU vice president of administration and finance. SJSU President Mary Papazian stated in a Dec. 7 news release that the Spartan Food Pantry was set to open “next semester,” but did not mark down a specific date. Faas clarified that the

food pantry is expected to open around March 2019. “Opening up a food pantry is very very different than doing the partnership that we have once a month with Second Harvest Food Bank,” he said, referring to the monthly food distributions previously held in SJSU’s Event Center. The monthly distribution would supply, on average, 520 students with groceries

each time, according to Cat Cvengros, the Second Harvest Food Bank vice president of development and marketing. She added that the need for a fully staffed food pantry was evident by the number of students participating in the monthly distributions. The Spartan Food Pantry was approved by

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A.S. staff work without the house

By Jozy Prabhu
STAFF WRITER

When the San Jose State Associated Students (A.S.) house closed on Nov. 1, 2018 to be uprooted and moved next to the Boccardo Business Complex, student workers were left without a permanent workspace.

House staff have moved into the Student Success Center on South 10th Street until the A.S. house reopens in the summer.

Departments such as A.S. Human Resources and A.S. Marketing & Events were the divisions mainly impacted by the move.

Inside the back corner of the Student Success Center, the A.S. personnel intermingled with the ASPIRE and Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program offices.

ASPIRE is a program that provides academic and financial support for first-generation and or low-income students.

The McNair program is specifically designed to help first-generation and low-income



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Ariadna Manzo
Associated Students President

students in pursuing doctoral studies. Both programs have offices for peer and academic advisers in the area that is now shared with A.S. offices.

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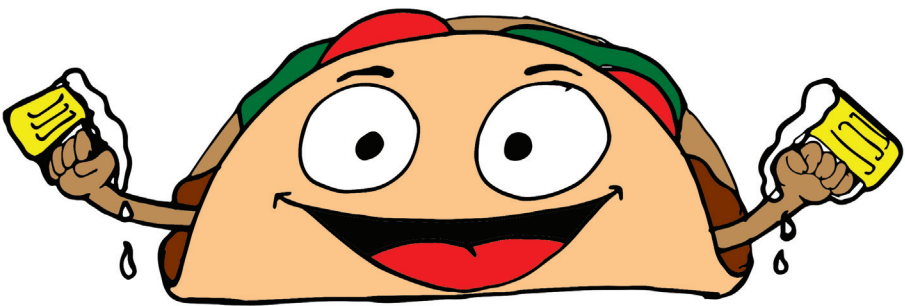


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Taco Bell Cantina set for Downtown

By Adam Yoshikawa
STAFF WRITER

Taco Bell is creating a buzz on and off the San Jose State campus with its new proposed location on Market Street. This new Taco Bell Cantina will serve beer and wine with a renovated space for customers to enjoy. Unlike traditional Taco Bell locations, the Cantina is expected to have more of a dive bar atmosphere. The Taco Bell Cantina

will replace the now-defunct Louisiana Bistro on 19 N. Market St. Franchise owner Rakesh Kumar has had his eyes set on the old building with major renovations in mind. Kumar has been working for Taco Bell for 38 years and manages over 20 locations around the Bay Area as a franchise owner. “There’s a lot of foot traffic here in Downtown and it’s close to San Jose State University, so I

thought [19 N Market St] would be the perfect place to create this new Taco Bell,” said Kumar. According to the Taco Bell website, “A Taco Bell ‘Cantina’ features an urban restaurant design, open kitchen, custom menu with shareable appetizers and alcoholic beverages.” “I love Taco Bell,” said SJSU senior Priyanka Bhatt.

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Religious activists clash with students



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Psychology sophomore Caspian Woodward confronts a religious group at 7th Street Plaza. “I was raised to believe in a loving God,” he said. “The guy I engaged with told me I was demonic because I’m transgender, and I told him my God is love and Christ loves me, and then I left.”



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Bhatt was heartbroken about the university’s decision to remove Taco Bell from the Student Union but is very excited for the new Taco Bell Cantina location.

Bhatt also said she plans on paying a visit once doors open. She believes the new location will be a success because of its close distance to campus.

“It’s very walkable,” she said. “It’s a good place for a quick date night.”

SJSU kinesiology senior Mac Damoulos finds the location good for students and easily walkable for himself and his friends.

Energized by the news of the new location, Damoulos said it would be a great cure for late night “munchies” and called the spot a go-to for cheap food and drinks.

SJSU once housed its own Taco Bell in the Student Union, but it was replaced by Tu Taco over the summer in 2018 when the food service corporation Chartwells took over operations from Spartan Shops.

Other Bay Area Cantina locations have already opened in San Francisco and Berkeley, and are becoming very popular among college students.

According to the Taco Bell website, a new location in Las Vegas will be two stories tall with a VIP lounge for customers.

Construction work has already begun in the old Louisiana Bistro building. It includes a retouching of the floors, light installations and a soundproof ceiling, according to the construction crew working on the project.

Kumar said he is modeling the San Jose Taco Bell Cantina after other successful locations

near University of California, Berkeley and in San Francisco.

“People and students at Berkeley seem to love the one up there,” he said. “It’s definitely more affordable than many of the other restaurants.”

Oscar Ramirez, owner of Agave Taqueria & Cafe on South Fourth Street, said his restaurant is popular with SJSU students. He believes the Taco Bell Cantina will be as well.

“I think that Taco Bell Cantina is a good idea, anything that has a bar will do well,” he said. “It might impact my business for a little while, but then business will go back to normal.”

The location has no set open date yet, as Kumar is still waiting to get a liquor license and other permits approved by the city of San Jose.

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ASPIRE and McNair program secretary Angeli Castillo worked in the office space when the student workers started moving in.

“They just recently moved into our space and we share the space a little bit,” said Castillo. “We just help each other out . . . [when students go] looking for [A.S. members].”

A.S. president Ariadna Manzo said finding a space for the house personnel was difficult.

“We really just tried to make sure that we found a space over there for the staff, because that was our biggest concern,” Manzo said. “While I wasn’t impacted by the move, we were in a lot of those conversations.”

Manzo said the main struggle after the A.S. house move was keeping student organizations updated on where they

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We each had to pack our own computer and personal items such as decorations or stationery things.

Nayeli Lopez
Associated Student
web and digital marketing assistant

could find materials for club rushes and tabling.

A.S. web and digital marketing assistant Nayeli Lopez is one of the A.S. employees who moved from the A.S. house to the shared space.

Lopez said a moving service came in to transfer their stuff to the Student Success Center.

“We each had to pack our own computer and personal items such as decorations or stationery things,” Lopez said. “We packed and labeled everything with our new office numbers or labeled it ‘trash’ if it was going to the dump.”

Stacks of half-empty boxes sat in the

hallway surrounding the cubicles, one of them labeled “Computers and monitors, fragile.”

“My temporary workspace is a lot different because I now have my own cubicle,” said Lopez. “Before [the move], we each had our own desktops and desk spaces but they were all open and shared in one large workroom. It is a lot more separated now.”

Lopez said she would not be returning to the A.S. house, which is also known as the Scheller House, because she is graduating in the spring.

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ASPIRE and McNair program secretary Angeli Castillo sits at the front desk to guide students to the Associated Students personnel when needed.

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the university in the spring semester of 2018, according to Faas.

Right now, the school has passed its first inspection with the fire marshal.

Faas explained that health and building inspections made construction a lengthy process, and even now at the tail end, there is still a few weeks worth of moving in furniture and refrigerators.

“You would love to have it open yesterday,” Faas said. “You’re putting in essentially a kitchen, you’re putting in a store facility, you’re dealing with food.”

Marko Mohlenhoff, SJSU student affairs case manager, said the Spartan Food Pantry would have a “much broader nutritional profile,” as fresh produce and perishables would be available, unlike the food shelves located at multiple locations around campus.

“For us and the school, we hated to hear that students were skipping class or going to class late because they were going to get their groceries,” Cvengros said.

But student tardiness and absences weren’t the only reasons for creating the pantry.

“We all knew that eventually if the program

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Cat Cvengros
Second Harvest Food Bank
vice president of development and marketing

had some success and the students really accessed it . . . at some point in time we would have to provide some relief more than that once a month type of distribution,” said Tometrius Paxton, the senior manager of community partnerships for Second Harvest Food Bank.

Some students at the most recent food distribution said the Spartan Food Pantry came at the perfect time.

“Food prices are going up right now because of wage increases,” said global studies freshman Estrella Martinez.

Other students had similar budgeting concerns.

“[Food pantries] save a lot of grocery money for me,” biotechnology graduate student

Khushali Patel said. “It’s cool that they’re doing this for the students, especially if it’s free.”

Mohlenhoff explained that students need to bring a Tower ID, reusable bags and must have a annual family income under \$33,385 to qualify for the Spartan Food Pantry.

“They just go through the line, and it’s kind of a take what you want, leave what you don’t,” said Mohlenhoff.

Faas added that once the pantry is finished, the administration intends to respect the privacy of students who frequent the pantry.

“We’re not looking for you to walk out of the pantry with a bag that says ‘Hey, I just shopped at the student food pantry,’” Faas said.

“Some people are in a tough spot for any number of reasons and we don’t want them to have to explain that to anyone else they don’t want to explain it to.”

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Ben Blechman who volunteers at the monthly mobile food pantry hands out foods to students in the San Jose State Event Center.

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Local Color brightens up community

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The closer one walks to Local Color, the more artwork appears on the streets of San Jose.

Giant, colorful murals adorn buildings beside the sidewalks and follow toward the art haven on First Street.

Just behind a VTA Light Rail station, Local Color illuminates the street with a giant expanse of windows framing the giant white room showcasing art pieces.

Inside, only half of the place is used for displaying art, while the other half is fenced off for workspaces artists can rent.

There are various kinds of artwork displayed, including sculptures, painted wooden structures, hanging paintings and more.

One wall is dedicated exclusively for visitors to color with paint provided by Local Color.

At a small wooden-block desk near the front of the venue, artists Mario Dimas and Francisco Ramirez sit and watch over the store while making sketches.

“Pretty much everyone here is somewhat of an established artist,” said Dimas. “So everybody just comes here. We use this space to work and to involve ourselves with the community and try to expand and get to know other artists.”

While he says this, a couple is walking around in the space, admiring the

“You get to interact with other artists and the whole community comes in here and as well as people who are not even from here to come visit.”

Mario Dimas
Local Artist

art on display, illustrating how important the artists and their creations are to the cultural fabric of the community.

“You get to interact with other artists and the whole community comes in here and as well as people who are not even from here to come visit,” Dimas said.

Dimas got into the local art community through networking and getting involved in Local Color events.

“I knew one of the guys, so I just sent them work because they had open spots for artists to showcase their art [in] events,” said Dimas. “So eventually I just asked about how to get a place here and information, and I got in.”

In addition to displaying and renting art workspaces, Local Color also creates an environment for artists to collaborate and help each other.

Ramirez expressed his appreciation for the



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Local Color is not only a space for artists to create, but also for local art lovers to relax and admire the work.

art community he found at Local Color.

“I’m very meticulous when I paint,” said Ramirez, “So being here has allowed me to try different things. Not be so technical . . . It helps me.”

It’s this collaborative environment that has allowed artists such as Ramirez to expand their expertise.

“I’ve learned in putting myself out there, whether it be doing prints or creating a website,” said Ramirez.

“Cuz I never did that, I just drew or painted. But being here I learned [there’s] more [than that].”

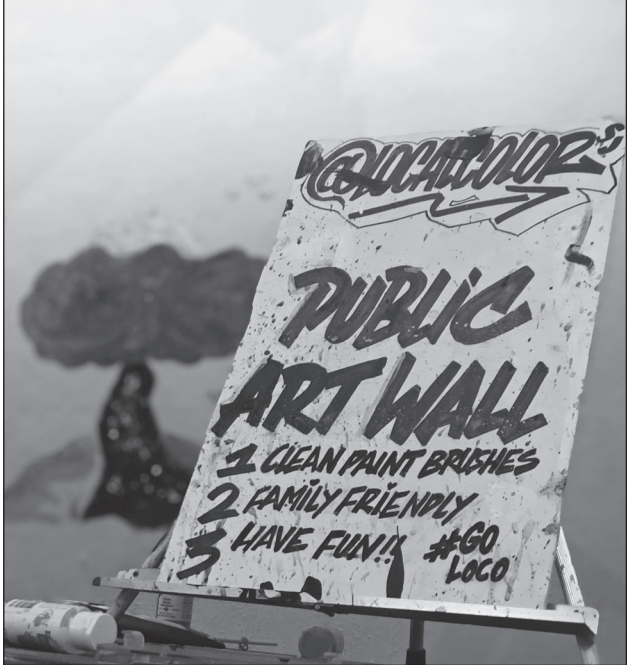
Along with displaying

different artists, Local Color also has a small table with flyers and information about different artists and events.

Previous events have included Halloween screenings and art documentary nights.

“Every month we’re gonna do open studio. When we have time, we open up on weekends in the evening for a couple hours,” Dimas said.

To join the creativity, visit Local Color at 27 S. First St. in Downtown San Jose and at @LocalColorSJ on Facebook.



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The public art wall in Local Color is a favorite of the regular visitors and the artists themselves.

Academy Awards snub Bay Area talent

By Olivia Wray
STAFF WRITER

The Academy Awards are fast approaching and in the past year, the Bay Area has received a lot of attention in the film industry.

The city of Oakland was featured in a few 2018 films, but those movies did not receive Oscar nominations.

For Bay Area natives, it can be exciting to see a familiar town on the big screen.

Ryan Coogler, a successful Oakland native co-wrote and directed “Black Panther” which received seven academy award nominations including Best Picture.

It is unfortunate that movies such as “Blindspotting” and “Sorry to Bother You” are not part of this year’s nominations because they share stories that are relevant today.

“Blindspotting,” the edgy comedy starring and co-written by another Oakland native, Daveed Diggs, has garnered acclaim from viewers on Rotten Tomatoes, Metacritic and IMDb.

The film addresses friendship and the intersection of race and class, involving a very timely issue: police violence and shootings. With a story so deeply rooted in what Oakland is well-known for, it highly resonates with the Bay Area.

“Around the world, people are asking for art that addresses issues they are facing, and it’s all meeting up in the right time and place here.”

Boots Riley
Rapper, Filmmaker and Activist

“Despite its low-key image, the area brims with a distinctive depth of originality and creativity,” said Marcus Crowder of Diablo Magazine in reference to Bay Area directors this past year.

With Bay Area talent getting more attention, local residents are able to see their stories told on the big screen.

The feature film debut by Oakland musician, activist and filmmaker Boots Riley, “Sorry to Bother You” takes place in the city as well.

The film acts on issues of race and power, illustrating to the public that this is an important topic in today’s political climate.

“Around the world, people are asking for art that addresses issues they are facing, and it’s all meeting up in the right time and place here,” Riley told Diablo Magazine.

“Sorry to Bother You” received even higher ratings than “Blindspotting” at 92 percent on Rotten Tomatoes and 80 percent on Metacritic, but couldn’t make it to the nation’s

biggest event for films.

Oakland is known for violence, gang activity and police brutality making it a city that outsiders don’t want to visit.

Also, with the Golden State Warriors moving from Oakland’s Oracle Arena to San Francisco’s Chase Center the city of Oakland is losing popularity and positive attention.

Creative and talented artists from the Bay Area will continue to fight for their voices to be heard.

Bringing positive attention to cities in Northern California that have a bad reputation could change the negativity and violence that currently resides there.

The Academy Awards has highlighted some of the best films this year, however, they should strive in the future to highlight the films that convey real stories and emotions like those coming from the Bay Area.

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America needs a [better] CEO



Courtney Vasquez
STAFF WRITER

As the country gets closer to the 2020 presidential election, we as voters and citizens are beginning to wonder who will run for office. As President Donald Trump will mostly seek to be the 17th president in U.S. history to become re-elected, many Americans wait to see who will run against him. On Sunday’s airing of the CBS program “60 Minutes,” former Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz hinted at a possible presidential run. In the interview, Schultz added that he would run as a centrist independent.

The former Starbucks CEO has shown he can handle tough situations.

This shocked Democrats since it had been implied Schultz would run for the party, but this was clarified during the interview. Schultz’s inde-

pendent status, however, could cause Trump to win the 2020 election. “[Schultz’s] announcement was met with concern from some in his party who believe this could pull support away from the nominee,” wrote ABC News’ Elizabeth Thomas in a recent article written on Monday. “I am seriously thinking of running for president,” Schultz said to “60 Minutes” interviewer Scott Pelley. “I will run as a centrist independent outside of the two-party system.” Is Schultz just another one of these successful celebrities/billionaires who thinks he would be a good president? Or does he have a better plan of how to fix what has gone wrong in our country? In Schultz’s interview, he gave his stance on various issues such as immigration, healthcare and the 2018 tax cut. “For the 11 million people here unauthorized, there should be a fair and equitable way for them to get in line, pay the taxes, pay a fee and become citizens of the United States,” Schultz said. This seems to be

much more reasonable than a metal wall for the issue of immigration, and I think many other would agree. When asked about climate change, Schultz disagreed with Trump’s decision to withdraw the United States from the Paris Agreement. Since climate change is one of the world’s biggest issues, I definitely agree with Schultz’s stance. While there have been mixed reactions about Schultz’s big announcement,

or billionaires being prodded by the public to run in the 2020 election. Entertainment mogul Oprah Winfrey, rapper Kanye West and even actor Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson have been among those considered to run our country. Even though Schultz made good suggestions about how to fix these problems, Trump turned to Twitter to call out the former CEO on Monday morning. “Howard Schultz d o e s n ’ t

necessarily agree with the idea that celebrities and billionaires are now the ones better qualified for the American presidency, Schultz has showed some promise for his potential campaign. In his “60 Minutes” interview, Schultz also shared that he is open to new ideas from both political parties, which is something I think is lacking from our political world. “I want to see the American people win. I want to see America win,” Schultz said. “I don’t care if you’re a Democrat, independent, Libertarian, Republican. Bring me your ideas, and I will be an independent person who will embrace those ideas.” The former Starbucks CEO has shown he can handle tough situations in the past. In spring 2018, Starbucks came under heavy media fire when partners at a Philadelphia location called police to escort two non-paying African American customers out of the store. As it turns out, the two men were discussing a business endeavour and waiting for a third associate to arrive before they started ordering drinks. The public relations for Starbucks worsened when days later, a paying African American customer at a Los Angeles

Starbucks location recorded a barista admitting she denied him the code to the cafe’s restroom but still gave food to a non-paying white customer. “Schultz closed all the U.S. stores for hours of racial bias training,” Pelley said on “60 Minutes.” On May 29, 2018, Schultz issued an executive order to close down every Starbucks cafe in the United States. All Starbucks partners were required to view a series of videos and read a series of select articles that addressed how to combat racial bias, economic prejudice, homophobia, transphobia and Islamophobia. The closure was estimated to have cost the company over \$7 million in revenue according to CBS News. A monetary sacrifice of this caliber speaks to Schultz’s devotion and proactivity when combating prejudice in the Starucks workplace. Though being president will require much more than seminars on political correctness and antidiscrimination from Schultz, I believe he could be a good candidate for the 2020 election. I was skeptical when I first heard about his possible campaign, but I’m sure he could dig the country out of this massive hole created by President Trump.

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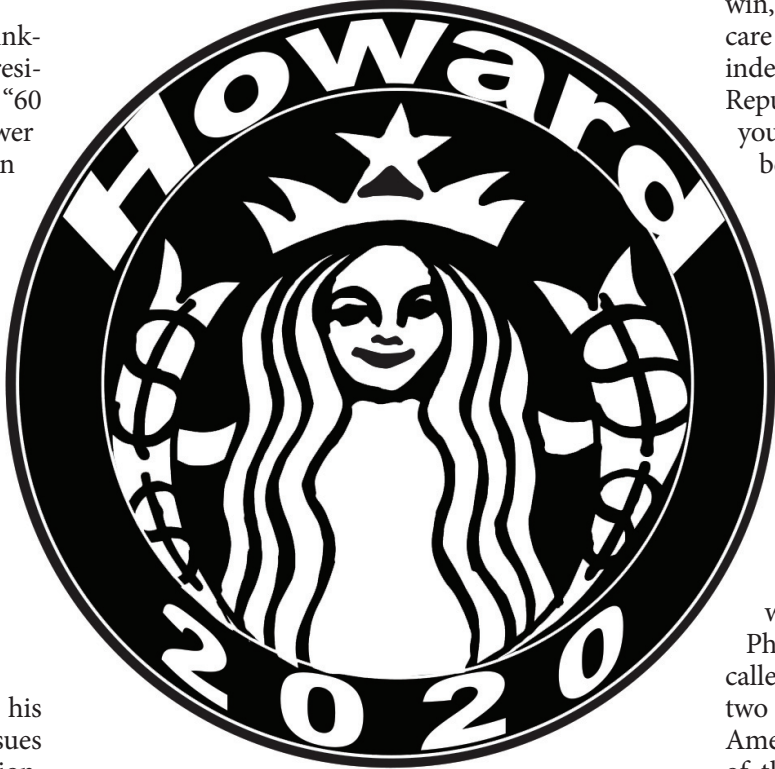


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I could not help but ask myself, why is he considering running? Ever since Trump was elected president in 2016, there has been an uproarious spike in celebrities and/

have the ‘guts’ to run for president,” Trump tweeted. “Watched him on ‘60 Minutes’ last night and I agree with him that he is not the ‘smartest person.’” Although I do not

Levi’s Stadium leaves ‘Faithful’ disappointed



Kunal Mehta
STAFF WRITER

Levi’s Stadium was supposed to be a stadium fit for the San Francisco 49ers’ historic legacy. The team won all five of its National Football League championships when the team played home games in San Francisco’s n o w - d e m o l i s h e d Candlestick Park. The team was even on the cusp of a sixth title during the Candlestick era after losing Super Bowl XLVII in 2013. Levi’s Stadium was going to be former Coach Jim Harbaugh’s house in the eyes of the 49er fanbase dubbed

“The Faithful.” The construction of a state of the art stadium in nearby Santa Clara was meant to pave the way for another championship run. The reality of the situation though, is that the maintenance and utilization of Levi’s Stadium, just like the current 49ers team, has been a disaster from start to finish. Since the stadium opened in 2014, there has been notable issues with the turf. During a 2014 49ers home game, Baltimore Ravens kicker Justin Tucker slipped

when the turf collapsed under him in the inaugural season. Despite assurances from 49ers management that the issues were to be expected in a new stadium, they’ve persisted. In December 2018, four years after the stadium’s opening, Seattle Seahawks coach Pete Carroll described the grass as “lousy”. Playing the game of football is the main point of having the stadium – if they cannot even put together a field for that, then what’s the point? Once the 49ers fired Harbaugh, it was clear they had no intention of winning themselves. Last week, the Pac-12 NCAA conference’s representatives announced that the Pac-12 title game venue would shift away

from Levi’s. The withdrawal of this yearly game is sure to cost the stadium, the 49ers organization and the city of Santa Clara millions of dollars in revenue as Levi’s has hosted every Pac-12 championship game since 2014. The Washington Huskies defeated the Utah Utes during the last Pac-12 championship game to be hosted in Levi’s. The total attendance was a mere 35,000 which is only half of the stadium’s capacity. While Santa Clara residents and South Bay 49ers fans may disagree, the biggest problem about Levi’s is its location. It’s 45 miles away from San Francisco and has no timely public transportation options for fans from the city. If visitors opt out of using the cost-effective but time-consuming public transportation modes available, they would find themselves waiting over an hour in traffic and having to pay at least \$40 for parking. The location problems are simply unfixable. The stadium was placed directly in the final approach path for planes landing at SJC, leading to pilots complaining about being blinded by lights down below.

Once visitors from out of the area land, they will have to put up with iover-inflated lodging costs thanks to the on-going Bay Area housing crisis. This contributes to the penny-pinching fans face at Levi’s during every visit. A slice of pizza at the Levi’s concession stand typically costs \$8, while bottled water costs \$5.75. Starkly opposite to this, the same two items cost only \$3 and \$2 respectively at Atlanta’s Mercedes-Benz Stadium which will be hosting Super Bowl LIII. This embarrassment was put in front of the entire nation when the College Football Playoff Championship came to Levi’s this month. Tickets were in such low demand that prices plummeted to a quarter of their face value. Had local college football fans not bought the remaining dirt-cheap tickets on the day of the title game between Alabama and Clemson, Levi’s Stadium would have presented an embarrassing non-sellout game to the entire nation. Such a blunder would have reflected poorly on the 49ers organization and the city of Santa Clara. Levi’s hosts events year round outside of foot-

ball, but even that runs into its own problems. Santa Clara has a 10 p.m. curfew that has caused issues when trying to bring events. In 2017, Ed Sheeran skipped performing in the Bay Area because of the curfew. Other musical artists such as Coldplay and U2 ignored the curfew entirely and paid a measly \$1,000 fine for breaking it. It’s a lose-lose proposition – fans and local businesses lose out when artists skip the venue. Residents cannot sleep when their house vibrates from late-night concert noise. Levi’s has never fulfilled the promise that it was built on: a championship stadium for a championship team. Unfortunately, you don’t get draft picks for a last place stadium. San Francisco 49ers fans can get some solace in knowing their rival football fans across the bay will suffer in a similar way, once the Oakland Raiders finish their move to Las Vegas. Instead of having to plan a trip out of town, Raider Nation will have to cross state lines to see their team play.

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Levi’s Stadium played host to the 2019 College Football Playoff championship game on Jan. 7, 2019

Joe Montana invests millions in local cannabis

By Adam Yoshikawa
STAFF WRITER

Four-time Super Bowl champion and former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Joe Montana is moving from the turf to the cannabis game.

According to San Jose’s local cannabis company, Caliva, the company just received a \$75 million investment from Montana and his partners.

“As an investor and supporter, it is my opinion that Caliva’s strong management team will successfully develop and bring to market quality health and wellness products that can provide relief to many people and make a serious impact on opioid use or addiction,” Montana told Esquire reporters.

Montana’s multi-million-dollar investment has raised the question of whether or not student athletes should be allowed to consume cannabis.

According to NCAA drug policies, marijuana use is banned by the NCAA and can result in suspension.

Student athletes are bound by rules and regulations made by the NCAA and its website lists cannabis as a street drug. The NCAA strictly prohibits the use of the substance.

Anthropology freshman Nina Garcia is hesitant when it comes to athletes using cannabis, but said it’s alright as long as it doesn’t dramatically

fies cannabis as a “street drug.” The only other “street drugs” listed on NCAA’s website are heroin and synthetic cannabinoids such as Spice or K2.

Kinesiology junior Joselin Moreira thinks usage of cannabis by student athletes should be acceptable.

“Everyone does it,” Moreira said. “It’s fine whether recreational or medicinal.”

SJSU club volleyball player Hallie Lamberton is a pre-nursing major and finds the topic controversial. She said the effects of affect their performance.

San Jose State football player Trevor Robbins believes cannabis should not be used before games. He also said cannabis has pros such as Cannabidiol, or CBD, which does not result in any “head high” effect.

Although Robbins does not use cannabis, he said it has beneficial uses for pain.

The NCAA classi-

cannabis still need more research.

“Do what you want to do as long as it doesn’t affect your performance,” she said.

While student athletes are bound by regulation, coaches of professional athletes are taking a green path for recovery.

Golden State Warriors head coach Steve Kerr underwent back surgery in 2016, and admitted in a podcast interview he used cannabis twice while searching for alternative medicines.

During a 2016 interview with ESPN, Kerr said, “I tried it and it didn’t help at all. But it was worth it, because I’m searching for answers on pain. But I’ve tried painkillers and drugs of

other kinds, as well, and those have been worse. It’s tricky.”

There is no denying that there is medicinal use in cannabis, but the results can be a hit or miss.

While there are students who believe in free choice and the usage of cannabis, there are some who do not see the benefits for student athletes.

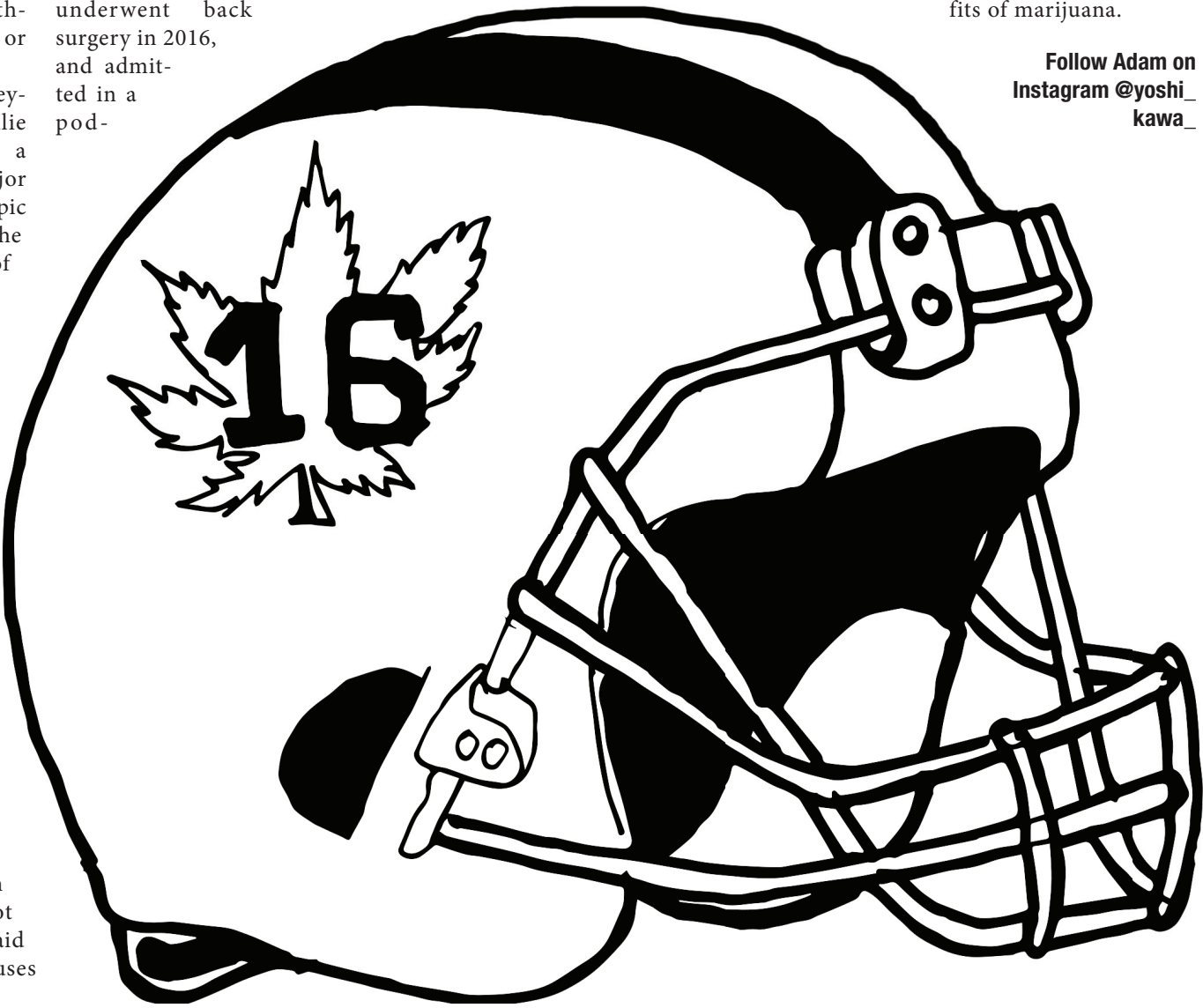
Undeclared freshman Austin Nguyen does not condone the use of cannabis.

“You are you, but don’t use it because we’re still developing at this age,” Nguyen said.

Caliva is a growing San Jose based cannabis company whose mission is to “invigorate and improve the lives of people through innovative, fun, and dependable products that people can trust to deliver the natural benefits of cannabis.”

Whether or not Joe Montana uses cannabis has still not yet been answered. But what is known is that Joe Montana is definitely invested into the company and believes in the benefits of marijuana.

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CLASSIFIEDS

CROSSWORD PUZZLE												
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- ACROSS
1. Small drum

6. Electric light

10. Radar signal

14. Labor group

15. Murres

16. Boorish

17. A swindle

18. Mousses

19. Frosts

20. Acculturate

22. “Darn!”

23. “___ Maria”

24. Deli item

26. Primarily

30. Rock

32. Solder

33. A nervous wreck

37. Defrost

38. Moses’ brother

39. Margarine

40. Gathered

42. Gloomy, in poetry

43. Dweebs

44. Probably

45. Sphere

47. Russian fighter

48. Rime
49. Excessive desire for wealth

56. At one time (archaic)

57. Northern diving birds

58. Forbidden

59. Whip

60. T T T T

61. Beautify

62. Gambit

63. Countercurrent

64. Paths
- DOWN
1. Brass instrument

2. Rectum

3. Containers

4. Hubs

5. Deviation from the normal

6. Military brass instrument

7. Component of urine

8. A jaunty rhythm

9. Of low birth

10. Type of denture

11. Ill-gotten gains

12. Something to shoot for

13. Annoyance

21. Old World vine

25. One or more

26. Mother
27. Beers

28. Ailments

29. Remarkable

30. Open skin infections

31. Stepped

33. Travel on foot

34. Away from the wind

35. Genuine

36. Conservative

38. Deny

41. Unruly crowd

42. Not analog

44. Cover

45. Small goat antelope

46. Lariat

47. Untidy

48. Assistance

50. Regretted

51. Barely managed

52. Nil

53. Black, in poetry

54. Achy

55. Male offspring

SUDOKU PUZZLE

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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Mayor invites soccer to City Hall

By Jozy Prabhu
STAFF WRITER

The San Jose State Women's Soccer team celebrated its 2018 Mountain West Conference Championship win alongside Mayor Sam Liccardo and city hall members Tuesday afternoon.

"This is our second year winning the conference tournament," defender Lauola Amanoni said. "Last year we won the regular season conference. So each year we're getting better and better each time."

Midfielder Karlee Pottorff echoed the same sentiment.

"We started off with a team full of injuries and a losing record," Pottorff said. "But we came back and turned that around . . . So getting an honor like this means a lot because we went through so much to get there."

Head coach Lauren Hanson looked satisfied with her team's accomplishments as she spoke of them. Under her lead, the team broke the conference record with eight shutouts in league play and advanced all the way to the first round of the NCAA tournament.

"I'm really proud of our team," said Hanson. "We were one in six to start the team, very young team. But they continued to believe."

The team won the conference championship 1-0 against New Mexico back in November with only four juniors.

The majority of the team is made up of freshman who really stepped up to the plate this season according to junior team captain Carlie James. She beamed as she took pictures and celebrated with



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San Jose mayor Sam Liccardo raises the "Spartan up" sign with the San Jose State women's soccer team during a city council meeting to celebrate the team's Mountain West Conference championship win.

the rest of the team.

"I couldn't be happier. It's such an unreal experience," James said. "It's such a family. It comes down to us, our heart and drive to just keep working even when it gets tough. And I think that's what makes us so special. We're willing to push ourselves beyond just because we love

each other."

Defender Kristen Amarikwa said the 10 new freshman added a positive and young energy to the team. She ended the season getting named to the second team of the 2018 United Soccer Coaches NCAA Division I Women's All-Pacific Region.

"It was a little iffy in the

beginning," Amarikwa said. "But it was just really great to see how we could grind it out and work hard through injuries and stuff like that in the season."

The Spartans snatched five recognitions by the Mountain West all-conference team, and three players were named to the league's first team.

SJSU went on to the NCAA tournament but lost 5-0 in the first round to UCLA.

Regardless, Liccardo high-fived members of the team as they walked down to the podium to receive their commendation.

Council member Dev Davis congratulated the team on its accomplishment.

"These young women

deserve recognition," Davis said. "Not only for the trophies they brought home, but also for inspiring all of us to match their exemplary level of passion and dedication."

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Women's teams ready to dominate



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San Jose State women's tennis senior Miyo Kobayashi sets up to smash the ball to her competitor while playing at the SJSU tennis facility against Sonoma State.

By Cora Wilson
STAFF WRITER

The spring semester brings a fresh start, warmer weather and for San Jose State female athletes – wins.

This is especially the case for women's softball, gymnastics and tennis. Together, the teams have won four conference titles in the past two seasons.

Kicking off the 2019 season strong, the SJSU women's tennis team defeated Sonoma State (SSU) 6-1 on Friday during the team's first home non-conference match.

"As you could see with some of the singles results, there weren't a lot of easy sets. We had to fight a lot to get those victories," head coach Chad Skorupka said.

Despite the fact that the men's teams like basketball and football have consistently finished at the bottom of their conferences, the men say they still support the women who rank at the top.

"I want every team at San Jose State to be successful," Skorupka said. "Sometimes we struggle, both men's and women's teams. We only become a better athletic department if all the teams succeed."

Tennis freshmen Alba Pedrero Galindo and senior Miyo Kobayashi finished first against SSU's Jenna DeTurk and Clarissa Colling with a clean 6-0 sweep. The Spartans won all three doubles matches for a 1-0 lead in team scoring.

"I felt a little bit of pressure, but then I felt confident to play," Pedrero Galindo said on playing her first match at SJSU.

Galindo defeated Jensyn Warren in No. 1 singles with 7-5 and 6-2.

A few hours after the season opening for women's tennis, the SJSU women's gymnastics team had its first home conference meet.

For the past two years, SJSU women's gymnastics won the overall conference championship. This year it started its first home meet in second place to Air Force.

"I think nerves got the best of us and we didn't go as hard as we should have," junior all-around gymnast Taylor Chan said. "But other than that, we really pulled it together on the floor when we needed to and that's what got us to second place."

Chan won three titles Friday night. She won on the beam with a season-best score of 9.850

points, on the floor with a 9.900 and took the all-around with a 39.075.

Similar to the women's tennis team, the women's gymnastics team has been preparing for this season mentally as well as physically.

"We've done a lot of mental training so we are ready for the most extreme conditions," Chan said.

Under high pressure circumstances of winning back-to-back championships, being mentally strong has kept the women's sports teams fierce.

As the women's teams continue to play strong and win, the men's teams show support at meets and games. The same can be said for the women showing support for the men.

"Knowing other teams are doing well helps the men's teams to compete better and to get excited as Spartans," sophomore tennis player Savannah Sendar said.

The SJSU sports teams say they have also built a friendship and strong support system.

"We do have a few men's teams who come and watch us and that's because we've built that friendship," Chan said.

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